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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Takehiko SHIGEFUJI et al.

Group Art Unit: 3724

Appl. No : 09/680,293

Examiner: Charles Goodman

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For : PUNCHING TOOL PROVIDED WITH TOOL IDENTIFICATION
MEDIUM AND PUNCH PRESS PROVIDED WITH A TOOL
IDENTIFICATION MEDIUM READER

RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT WITH TRAVERSE

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated July 12, 2002, in which a one-month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on August 12, 2002, and which has been extended, by the herein enclosed Request for Extension of Time, to expire on October 15, 2002 (October 12, 2002 being a Saturday and October 14, 2002 being a Federal holiday), Applicants respectfully elect Group I and the Species X, with traverse, for reasons as will be set forth hereinbelow.

REMARKS

In the outstanding Official Action, the Examiner required restriction to one of sixteen inventions under 35 U.S.C. § 121. In particular, the Examiner asserted that claims 14, 21 and